



## CONNECTIONS: EVENTS OF 2007-2008

*Right:* NJIT held its 2008 commencement exercises in Newark's Prudential Center arena, the first institution to hold a graduation ceremony at "The Rock." Honorary degrees were awarded to Thom Mayne, a Pritzker Architecture Prize laureate, Norman Li, president of NL Chemical Technology, Inc., and Elizabeth Del Tufo who helped to create the Newark Preservation and Landmarks Committee, while 2,138 graduates were awarded bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees.

*Below:* NJIT created the Space Weather Research Laboratory (SWRL) and appointed Dr.



Haimin Wang, distinguished professor of physics, as its founding director. Wang has been associated with NJIT's Big Bear Solar Observatory (BBSO) since assisting in its acquisition from Cal Tech in 1997. The new Laboratory recognizes the tremendous growth in Professor Wang's specific research interests related to space weather.



*Above left:* A reunion of NJIT alumni working at PSEG was the occasion for the announcement of a \$150,000 gift from PSEG to launch

a scholarship for freshmen enrolled in NJIT's Albert Dorman Honors College. The PSEG Honors Scholarship Endowment will be available to freshmen

enrolling next fall in NJIT's Albert Dorman Honors College. Recipients will also have the opportunity to consider a compensated internship at PSEG.

*Above right:* President Robert A. Altenkirch hosted New Jersey Secretary of State Nina Mitchell Wells and her staff on a campus visit.